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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS DEC 6 AND 7: MISCELLANEOUS
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1. AFTER CONCLUSION PLENARY DISCUSSIONS OF STEEL AND OTHER MEASURES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY EC AND JAPAN, SMALL INFORMAL MEETING HELD WITH SAITO AND HIS IMMEDIATE STAFF TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES CITED REFTEL.

2. US REP (WOLFF) SAID WE WISHED TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY OUR PRESENCE IN TOKYO TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS SEVERAL OUTSTANDING BILATERAL ISSUES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THESE CONSULTATIONS, NOTING HOWEVER THAT IF EC-JAPAN DISCUSSIONS RESULTED IN NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACTIONS WHICH NEVERTHELESS FAVORED EC EXPORTS TO JAPAN, PROGRESS ON OUTSTANDING US-JAPAN ISSUES COULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR JAPAN TO DEMONSTRATE EVEN HANDED TREATMENT OF EC AND US IN LIBERALIZING ITS IMPORT REGIME. SAITO REACTION AND COMMENTS ON VARIOUS ISSUES FOLLOWS:

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(A) FUNGICIDES - TEST RESULTS HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC, BUT JAPANESE IMPORTERS NOT PRESSING FOR EARLY ACTION. SAITO SAID IMPORTERS DO NOT CONSIDER THIS A PROBLEM AT PRESENT SEASON AND HAVE NOT FORMALLY REQUESTED MIN HEALTH AND WELFARE TO CONSIDER TEST RESULTS WHICH ARE BEING REVIEWED FURTHER BY DR. SHIRASU. WHEN MINISTRY RECEIVES FORMAL REQUEST, IT WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO SUBMIT TO COUNCIL ON HEALTH AND SANITATION. HE OPINED THAT POSSIBLE CABINET SHIFTS RESULTING FROM ELECTION MIGHT HELP.

(B) LEATHER - EXISTING JAPANESE QUOTAS ARE NOT BEING FILLED BECAUSE US SUPPLIERS ARE NOT MEETING QUALITY DEMANDED BY JAPANESE IMPORTERS. LARGER QUOTA NOT LIKELY TO INCREASE US EXPORTERS. WE SUGGESTED BEST WAY TO PROVE THEIR POINT WOULD BE TO INCREASE QUOTAS. (AFTER MEETING CONCLUDED, SAITO AIDE EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT REAL MOTIVATION US LEATHER PRODUCERS IS TO USE JAPANESE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS TO PRESSURE USG TO IMPOSE LIMITS ON EXPORTS US HIDES AND SKINS.)

(C) AUTO EMISSION STANDARDS - DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED TO DELAY FOR TWO YEARS IMPOSITION OF 1978 STANDARDS ON IMPORTED AUTOS. HOWEVER, MITI IS TRYING TO KEEP DOOR OPEN TO EXTEND THIS TWO YEAR PERIOD IF NECESSARY, AND DIFFERENCES OF VIEW WITHIN GOJ ON THIS POINT IS REASON DECISION STILL NOT ANNOUNCED. GOJ WILLING TO SEND INSPECTORS TO US, IF REQUESTED TO DO SO.

(D) COMPUTERS AND COLOR FILM - SAITO ASKED IF WE WERE FORMALLY REQUESTING DUTY REDUCTION THESE ITEMS. WE SAID SUBJECT WAS BEING RAISED PURSUANT TO OFFICIAL INTEREST, BUT CONDITIONAL IN THE FOLLOWING RESPECT: IF GOJ IS MAKING SIGNIFICANT TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON ITEMS OF INTEREST PRIMARILY TO THE EC, REDUCTIONS ON COMPUTERS AND FILM WOULD PROVIDE BALANCE AND AVOID CHARGES OF DE FACTO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US EXPORTS.

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